

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

**REVISED** MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 26, 2007

Members present:

David Reynolds, New Century Auto Inc  
Jeanne McCarthy, DBR  
Richard Bernstein, DBR  
David Palmer, State Police  
Dan Coleman, F & C Auto Glass

Others Present:

Randy Bottella, Reliable Collision Center  
Larry Alan, Nationwide  
Peter Olsen, Payless Auto Glass  
Fred Santaniello, NE Tech  
Joseph O'Keefe, Colorall Tech Inc  
Stephen Zubiago, PCI  
Bruce Nash, Colorall Technologies  
Jaryd Coleman, F & C Auto Glass  
Michael Prairie Color Blends Inc, Mobil Paint Service  
Keorithy Kong, Kong Enterprises  
John Leger, ADCO Products  
John Wisniewski, Payless Glass  
Daniel Prairie, Color Blends Inc.  
Jack Condon, Progressive  
Pat Quinlan

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:55 am

Reviewed May minutes Motion DR seconded DG Unanimous

RB: Gave an update on Storage regulations – the regulations were not properly noticed and the Department is starting the process over again – there will be a new public hearing on storage.

SZ: The mobile auto body franchise, Colorall – brought Joseph O'Keefe consultant on fire regulations to testify that their model doesn't fit as an auto body but as a special use license.

JOK: Stated that the Colorall process in work stations (tents) are up to fire standards and complies with RI as long as there is only one person inside the tent.

DR: Questioned Mr. O'Keefe if he had contacted State fire marshal

JOK: Not as yet

DR: Suggested that prior to submitting an application they should check with Fire marshal and DEM for compliance

SZ: Stated he had looked at air regulations and was comfortable they are not under the regulations that govern the air – will produce letters to that affect

RB: Made a motion to approve a special use license subject to the EPA and fire marshal sign off.

JMC: Stated she had spoken with someone from DEM that they had indicated that there might be a problem with Colorall concerning hazardous waste.

RB: Amended his motion to include DEM approval

DR: Questioned whether or not they are currently in operation

RB: They are not in operation until they supply the information required and until all conditions are met

RB: This license will be restricted to wholesale on dealers not customers

JMC: This is license would be for all similar companies. Are you the only company franchising this activity?

BN: No, there are many of them

JMC: Rhode Island could be inundated with these companies selling mobile auto body franchises

DR: Once this goes through with the tent on the dealership lot what would stop others from availing themselves of this service?

SZ: Because they would not be licensed to do it

DR: Could the dealership buy that franchise?

SZ: yes

JMC: Asked what is the criterion used for a local fire safety check – do they need one in every locality?

DR: Body shops are mandated to maintain their hazardous waste in a closed room with special equipment

RB: That is why we are getting the sign offs

BN: Our supplies are not hazardous we are exempt from the fire manifest we use water based paints

DR: Do you spray urethane paint?

BN: yes

DR: That is hazardous

BN: We are under the threshold and are exempt with no more than 20 gallons – 400 lbs. I am talking raw product under 20 lbs.

DR: In body shops that requires us to keep these products in a special room

JMC: The issue of paintless dent removal came before the board 6 years ago the board decided not to license them at that time because they did not paint. Today they paint

RB: Suggested to Steve Zubiago to get approvals next week and bring to the Board

DP: There is a problem here because several people attending have stated they are performing this work and they do not have a license.

MP: This is new to us that is why we are here - when we spray nothing is wasted  
There is no way to contain spray.

DR: That is why we have spray booths

RB: What we do here will set the standard

RB: Amended his motion to make it subject to all conditions and not an automatic approval and those standards that are approved will be for all seconded DR - approved

Certification of technicians

PQ: Submitted the report from on site appraisal subcommittee - gave a copy of their report to the Board. Stated that those subcommittee members have agreed to meet quarterly to continue to discuss the issues that were not resolved

Board discussed report by subcommittee Recommend the Department to review

**PQ: Submitted final report of on site appraisal conduct and made two points:**

- 1) wants to meet with Director, Richard and Paula Pallozzi to discuss a bulletin for both shops and appraisers**
- 2) enact standards into regulations**

**Subcommittee held 25 meetings and proposed 9 items**

**LA: Every word means something. The subcommittee decided to continue to work informally to address ongoing issues and to work with the Department**

**DR: Accepted the subcommittee's proposal to the Board**

**JMC: Questioned #7 section asking for a definition to the term expert witnesses and relayed that inspections by other than appraisers had been a bone of contention between insurers and the shops in the past.**

**LA: It is someone selected by the insurer separate from an appraiser someone to investigate a claim beyond appraisal. Everyone at the subcommittee table knew what that meant. When the subcommittee meets with the Director some items can be clarified.**

**RB: Made a motion to send to the proposed on site appraisal standards to the Director for review seconded by DR unanimous**

DR: Motion to adjourn Seconded RB - Unanimous 12:15pm